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3 <sup>July</sup> 1. A method for the creation of an electronic container comprising  
4 <sup>A 17</sup> Creating an electronic version of at least one object;  
5 Creating a graphical code representing information about the at least one object;  
6 Associating the graphical code with the at least one object;  
7 Assigning a common transaction identifier with the graphical code;  
8 Storing the at least one object with other objects having the same transaction  
9 identifier.

10 2. The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the  
11 graphical code comprises unique index information about the at least one  
12 object.

13 3. The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the  
14 graphical code comprises coordinate location relating to fields within the  
15 object.

16 4. The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the  
17 graphical code comprises routing information.

18 5. The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the  
19 graphical code comprises at least a one dimensional code.

20 6. The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 further  
21 comprising binding the at least one object to other objects wherein the  
22 graphical code comprises.

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- 1 7. A system for the creation of an electronic container comprising:
- 2 At least one object containing information
- 3 A workstation for inputting data about the at least one object
- 4 A graphical code creator connected to the workstation for crating a graphical
- 5 code comprising the data;
- 6 A electronic record creator connected to the scanner for creating a composite
- 7 electronic record comprising the at least one object and the graphical code;
- 8 A container creator for associating the at least one object with other objects
- 9 and for assigning a common transaction identifier to the at least one object.
- 10 8. The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 7 wherein the
- 11 graphical code comprises data concerning the at least one object.
- 12 9. The system for the creation of an electronic container 8 wherein the data
- 13 comprises unique index data concerning the at least one object
- 14 10. The system for the creation of an electronic container 8 wherein the data
- 15 comprises coordinate location of fields within the at least one object.
- 16 11. The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 8 wherein the
- 17 container creator comprises instructions for viewing the at least one object, the
- 18 unique index data, and supplemental data concerning the at least one object in
- 19 a viewer.
- 20 12. The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the
- 21 container creator further comprises instructions for retrieving and
- 22 manipulating the at least one object using the same application that created the
- 23 at least one object.

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